

## **6.3 CHECKPOINT - THE PROGRESSIVE ERA**

### **SHORT ESSAY**

**Choose one of the following prompts to which you will write a short essay:**

- 1. Choose one president who held office during the Progressive Era and explain three things he contributed to reform and why each was effective.**
- 2. Describe the working environment for employees and the condition of factories during the Progressive Era and then explain some of the methods used to improve these situations.**

The working conditions of employees weren't the same everywhere you went. In the meat packing factories, some of the people were dying because of injuries they suffered or because of the conditions in the factory. Also there were children working in factories, doing dangerous jobs like if a machine wasn't working the owners sent the kids in to fix the machine. There were also a plant in Chicago that burnt down and killed over 100 people, they couldn't get out because the doors were barred shut. Most of the people in these kinds of working conditions either died or suffered serious injury.